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SUBJECT: WOODLANDS HIGH SCHOOL TOURING CHOIR "FREEDOM
CHILD"

REF: CONAKRY 0367, LOME 0447, MONROVIA MEMO OF 2/18/76

1. WOODLANDS HIGH SCHOOL TOURING CHOIR (KNOWN WHEN
TOURING ABROAD AS "FREEDOM CHILD") PLANS TOUR JULY 8-23,
1976 ALTHOUGH FUND RAISING NOT COMPLETE. INTEGRATED
GROUP OF 22 STUDENTS, AGE RANGE 13-19
PLUS 8 ADULTS PLANS BE IN ROME, GHANA, LIBERIA, SIERRA
LEONE AND PARIS 2-3 DAYS EACH COUNTRY. CONCERT WORLD
(TRAVEL/CONCERT AGENCY) ARRANGING ENGAGEMENTS BUT
NO DEFINITE PERFORMANCES SET YET. GROUP WILL PRESENT
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MUSICAL ABOUT MARTIN LUTHER KING COMPOSED BY DIRECTOR

EVELYN PITTMAN WITH INSTRUMENTAL ACCOMPANIMENT ON TRUMPET, SAXOPHONE, DRUMS AND PIANO. PITTMAN LED SIMILAR GROUP TOUR TO SCANDINAVIA IN 1972 AND BRITISH ISLES IN 1974.

2. NO PANEL EVALUATION AVAILABLE SINCE GROUP DOES NOT HAVE TAPE THEY FEEL OF SUFFICIENT RECORDING QUALITY TO SUBMIT TO ACADEMIC MUSIC PANEL. CU/ARTS DOES NOT SEND PANELISTS TO REVIEW LIVE PERFORMANCES BY HIGH SCHOOL

GROUPS SINCE WE DO NOT FINANCIALLY ASSIST SUCH GROUPS.

3. GROUP EAGER PERFORM IN GUINEA AND TOGO FOR ROOM AND BOARD PLUS DOLS. 300 HONORARIUM (WHICH IS NEGOTIABLE). FOR LOME PERFORMANCE ROUND TRIP TRAVEL BETWEEN CONAKRY AND LOME NEEDED.

4. ADVISE CU/ARTS IF STILL INTERESTED. KISSINGER

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